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Masked suspect attacks Edmonton woman

Suspect fled. 'She
was knocked to the
ground. She was
choked': Detective



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For the second time in less
than two weeks, Edmonton
police are investigating after
a mask-wearing suspect al-
legedly attacked a woman

walking alone.

On Tuesday around 11
p.m., a 25-year-old woman
was allegedly sexually as-
saulted by a masked man
while walking in a "calm,
quiet," residential area near
114 Street and 36 Avenue.

"She was knocked to the
ground. She was choked. And
she ended up screaming and
yelling and the suspect fled.
While she was on the ground
she was fondled," said EPS
Det. Brenda Dalziel.

The woman was walking

alone when she saw the male
suspect walking towards her.
When she decided to cross
the street, he followed.

"As she got to the curb on
the other side, he ran at her
and attacked her," Dalziel
said.

Dalziel said it's unknown
if the incident is connected
to an attack on a 25-year-old
woman near 11 Street and 82
Avenue on Aug. 25. In that in-
cident, a woman was struck
in the face from behind as
she neared her apartment

around 3:30 a.m. She fell to
the ground and was choked
by the attacker before he fled,
though he returned after she
entered her apartment lobby,
and violently banged on the
windows.

While both suspects were
wearing masks, the suspect
in Tuesday's incident is de-
scribed as 5'5" to 5'7", while
the suspect in the August 25
incident is described as 6-feet
tall, Dalziel said.

"But that doesn't necessar-
ily rule (a connection) out,"

she said.

The woman who was at-
tacked on Tuesday evening
has been released from hos-
pital.

"There were injuries, but
they weren't extensive," Dal-
ziel said.

The suspect in Tuesday's
attack was wearing a hoodie,
jeans, a dark-coloured mask
and gloves.

Anyone with information
is asked to call EPS at 780-423-
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Police investigation

Cause of man's death unknown

An autopsy failed to determine cause of death after a man's body was found on a garage driveway in Edmonton on Tuesday morning.

A passerby called EMS on Tuesday after seeing a man lying behind a house in the area of 115 Avenue and 137 Street. EMS declared the man dead and contacted West Division Patrol officers at about 11 a.m. Tuesday.

Further toxicology tests will determine how the man died. If it is deemed a homicide, it would be Edmonton's 18th of 2013. At this time last year, there were 19 homicides. **METRO**

Curb the Danger

Bobcat driver nabbed in impaired-driving campaign

Edmonton police charged a man last month after they allege he was operating a Bobcat while drunk.

The arrest was made as part of August's Curb the Danger campaign. Police said they were called to a condo complex in Glastonbury on Aug. 2, after reports of a Bobcat operator tipping a small cube van onto its side, spilling fuel onto the street.

Police found the man in bushes near Whitemud Drive. A 45-year-old man was charged with impaired driving and other offences.

Curb the Danger is an ongoing impaired-driving-prevention campaign run by the Edmonton Police Service. **METRO**



Police officers on motorcycles helped with the massive closures of roads needed for the Tour of Alberta. **METRO FILE**

Tour snarls traffic, but city pleased with event

Road race. Unexpected tie-ups ground vehicles and transit to a halt in south Edmonton



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The city ran into some problems it didn't expect playing host to the Tour of Alberta, but the massive road closures for the premier event generally went as planned.

Ellen Finn, the city's director of civic events, said the road closures for the 7.3-kilometre

time trial on Tuesday night were on schedule and the race started right on time.

"That all went perfectly. We were actually a little bit ahead of schedule," she said.

The tie-ups came for everyone else as traffic slowed down dramatically in the city. Finn said problems were expected in the downtown core, but the race combined with some traffic accidents caused other problems. "We hadn't anticipated the backlog that was occurring on the south side of the river," she said.

Transit was delayed for as much as 30 minutes and many commuter corridors on the

Tour of Alberta

- The tour started its first full leg on Wednesday in Sherwood Park, ending in Camrose. The entire race wraps up on Sunday in Calgary.

south side slowed down considerably.

Finn said she is optimistic future Tours will go better as residents get an idea of what to expect. "If you want to go to a football game, you know there is a park and ride. You know where the parking restrictions

are," she said as an example.

The city would have preferred that the event start on Labour Day, she added, but that wasn't an option.

"That was absolutely our first question, but if we wanted to host the first leg or the time trial there was no other option," she said.

Jim Taylor of the downtown business association said the event offered exposure that more than made up for any inconvenience.

"I know from watching the Tour de France all the time that you can't buy the kind of international media attention you can get from this," he said.

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Chalk isn't just used on blackboards this time of year. A parking enforcement officer chalks the tires of vehicles parked in a two-hour zone near NAIT on Wednesday. METRO

Invasion of the parking officers

Blitz. There are more staff in the enforcement dept. this year, so make sure not to get a failing grade on that parking job



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Students heading back to class could be in for a big surprise, as the city steps up parking enforcement this month around post-secondary schools.

The city has contracted tow operators to be on standby for people parked illegally in neighbourhoods around the city's post-secondary schools.

Handing out harsh lessons

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Drivers parked illegally could face fines starting at \$50, along with towing and impound fees.

Erin Blaine, the city's co-ordinator of parking enforcement services, said the institutions tend to create problems when students come back to class.

She said, while there is a focus this month, it won't be the only time parking enforcement checks in on the schools.

"The month of September we are ticketing and towing daily, but that doesn't mean we won't be towing throughout the school year,"

she said.

Blaine said staffing in the parking department is higher this year, which will mean they will be able to get to more areas more often.

She said they are also going to be looking closely at parking around city grade schools, with a particular emphasis on cars parked too close to intersections and in crosswalks.

"We need to make sure that locations are free of obstructions for sightlines and for people crossing the street," she said.

She said the best advice she can give parents is to leave extra time in the morning.

"Park a little further away and walk your child to school and park responsibly."

Unplug!

Alberta's electric system strained

High demand and unplanned outages have left Alberta running stretched for electrical supply.

The Alberta Electric System Operator is pleading with residents to limit their power usage, because the system is being pushed hard. ASEO recommends minimizing air conditioning and using appliances at off-peak times. METRO

NDP and Wildrose to face off. Brian Mason will debate Danielle Smith

Left will meet right at an on campus debate later this month.

Brian Mason, leader of Alberta's NDP, will debate Wildrose Official Opposition leader Danielle Smith on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m. at the University of Alberta.

"With the PC dynasty on the ropes, we're bringing you

a championship matchup that could put it down for the count!" states a poster advertising the event.

The debate is being hosted by the U of A's Political Science Undergraduate Association.

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Date for City Centre runway closure is still up in the air

Expropriation. Aviation Museum fears aircraft move will be frantic if they don't get warning



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Expropriation notices sent to the remaining tenants at the City Centre Airport are being taken as a sign the facility may only have months left in operation.

Many of the property owners have been told they need to leave by Nov. 15.

However, "that doesn't mean the airport is going to close on that date," said city spokesperson Jodi Tauber.

She said a full closure of the remaining runway needs council approval.

The lack of closure date is causing some major concerns for the Alberta Aviation Museum. With a planned expansion called off, the museum

No easy shuffle

"This is almost a museum within a museum and we are scrambling."

Tom Hinderks, executive director of the Alberta Aviation Museum, on more than a dozen planes that need to be removed.

now faces the prospect of re-locating many of its planes.

"Not having a date ... is difficult, because you have no idea when to prepare," said Tom Hinderks, the museum's executive director. He said removing the planes is going to be a major undertaking.

"This is an extremely busy place and we only have so many staff and so many volunteers," said Hinderks.

Coun. Kerry Diotte believes the city is moving too quickly.

"There is no indication that in the spring we are going to start doing anything," he said.

"Let's be reasonable and give people as much time as they need."



The Alberta Aviation Museum will have to remove some of its collection before the City Centre Airport's runway closes. METRO FILE

Nice place to work, but you wouldn't want to live here?

A Statistics Canada study suggests that the lure of jobs in Alberta's energy sector isn't enough to persuade out-of-province workers to make a permanent move.

The study found there were plenty of people moving to Alberta between 2004 and 2009. But only one in four who were coming for jobs de-

cided to make Alberta their primary residence. They listed their home province on their tax returns.

"It is likely that factors such as family ties, social networks, organizational arrangements ... home ownership and quality of life were important factors," wrote the authors, Christine Laporte, Yuqian Lu

and Grant Schellenberg.

"Nonetheless, the prospects of readily available jobs elsewhere had appeal. When weighed against the costs of moving interprovincially, the benefits of working interprovincially was the option chosen by these individuals."

About three-quarters of the job seekers were men under

the age of 35 from B.C., Saskatchewan and Atlantic Canada. Roughly half of those were employed in construction and oil-and-gas extraction. More than one-third of women were working in accommodation and food services or retail trade.

In 2004, there were between 62,000 and 67,500

interprovincial employees in Alberta, accounting for about 3.8 per cent of provincial employment. By 2008, the number of interprovincial employees had increased to a peak of 133,000, making up 6.2 per cent of the workforce. The figures fell somewhat in 2009 following the recession.

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A certain type of bloke

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Recovering. Flood aid flowing, province says

Millions of dollars have been doled out to Albertans impacted by the June flooding, the province said Wednesday.

Flooding devastated many areas of southern Alberta, including wide swaths of Calgary and the majority of High River. More than 100,000 people were affected by the flooding.

According to a release, the province has distributed nearly \$70 million in support to almost 40,000 Albertans.

Of 8,200 applications for disaster recovery, the province says 1,827 payments totaling more than \$8.6 million have been made. **METRO**

More flood numbers

- Around 950 Albertans are in temporary, long-term housing, while 400 more are in more temporary housing, such as hotels.
- Temporary classrooms have been erected for 950 students.
- About 985 kilometres of road were damaged and 857 kilometres have been repaired.

Alberta doctors

Calls for coal plant phase-out growing

Several health groups are demanding that the Alberta government speed up the closure of coal-fired generating plants.

The Canadian Association of Physicians for the

Environment, the Asthma Society of Canada and the Lung Association are running newspaper ads pointing to the health costs of such plants. The groups released research in the spring suggesting that coal causes almost 5,000 days of missed school or work a year because of asthma symptoms. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Mayoral election signs being stolen in Edmonton



Mayoral contender Kerry Diotte was the first to announce his intention to run for the city's top political job. He says his campaign signs are being stolen from around Edmonton. **METRO FILE**

Diotte campaign. Contender says he has lost at least half of his election signs



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With election season officially underway, signs are sprouting up across Edmonton — but some candidates have seen them come down just as fast.

Mayoral contender Kerry Diotte said he has lost a large number of his election signs.

"We have lost at least 50 per cent of signs that we have placed on private property," he said.

Diotte said the stolen signs represented thousands of dollars in losses to his campaign and that they are taking it seriously.

"We now have a police file

Quoted

"It's a real slap in the face to democracy, because it's theft. It's a criminal act."

Mayoral candidate Kerry Diotte, on the theft of his election signs.

open and we are going to be watching them very closely," he said.

Diotte said it's more than just an affront to his campaign — it's a bad sign for the election itself.

"It's a real slap in the face to democracy, because it's theft. It's a criminal act," he said.

And Diotte is not alone.

Michael Oshry, a candidate in Ward 5, said 30 or 40 of his signs were taken down and thrown in a parking lot.

"The money is actually secondary. I think, for me, it is more of the volunteer time that this takes up," he said.

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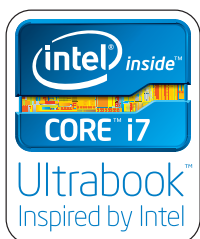
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Guo Bin recuperates with his mother at a hospital in Taiyuan in northwest China's Shanxi province after a brutal attack that left him blind. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cops suspect boy's aunt gouged eyes

China. Horrific case appears to end with attacker's suicide, but still no clear motive

In the dark

"He still doesn't know that he likely will be blind the rest of his life."

Wang Wenli on the condition of her 6-year-old son after a brutal attack.

Chinese authorities said Wednesday that they suspect that the woman who gouged out a six-year-old boy's eyes was his aunt who later killed herself, adding a surprising twist to a gruesome case with conflicting details.

The attack on the boy horrified the Chinese public and added to outrage over violence against children in the wake

of a scandal earlier in the year involving teachers sexually abusing young girls. This time, heart-wrenching images and footage of the wailing child in hospital, his eyes bandaged and parents distraught, have circulated on the Internet as news commentaries slammed the brutality of the attack.

"Mama, why is the sky still so dark?" the child has been quoted as saying while recovering in hospital, his parents unable to bring themselves to tell him about his condition.

On Wednesday, police in the city of Linfen in northern Shanxi province confirmed an official Xinhua News Agency report that the boy's aunt, Zhang Huiying, had been identified as a suspect because his blood was found on her clothes. Six days after the boy was attacked, Zhang killed herself by jumping into a well.

Xinhua did not cite a possible motive for the aunt to attack the boy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Toronto doctor a 'sexual opportunist': Crown

Allegations from 21 women that an anesthesiologist molested them during surgeries are strikingly similar and cannot be chalked up to hallucinations, the Crown said Wednesday, calling Dr. George Doodnaught a "sexual opportunist."

In his closing arguments at Doodnaught's trial, Crown attorney David Wright said that the sedatives used during the surgeries were administered in doses too low to cause sexual dreams.

Each of the women reported that Doodnaught

kissed them, touched them inappropriately or put his genitals in their mouth while they were under conscious sedation, all but one during surgeries at Toronto's North York General Hospital between 2006 and 2010. He has pleaded not guilty to 21 counts of sexual assault.

The women told detailed, vivid accounts of similar assaults by the now 64-year-old doctor, Wright said.

"If patients were hallucinating one would expect an element of randomness," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The argument

- It is "simply impossible" that Doodnaught would have been able to assault 21 women undetected by anyone else in the rooms, the defence argued.
- If the drugs are to blame, "why is it that only George Doodnaught has complaints and not the 25 other anesthesiologists ... who use the same drugs?" the Crown said.

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Water plant's woes not a drop in the bucket: Automation's soaked

Calgary flood aftermath.

Treated water may be substandard because important facility is in 'manual mode'



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Metro in Calgary

Calgary's largest wastewater treatment facility is operating in "manual mode" due to damage from ... water.

Because of the damage from June's flood, there's a "very high risk" that the plant will send treated water to the Bow River that doesn't meet provincial standards, a city report says.

"We've basically stepped back 30 years in time," said Kevin Colbran, manager of

the Bonnybrook Wastewater Treatment Plant.

"We have the brain of our control system, but all of the field devices and cabling that sent the information to that brain were toasted in the flood."

As a result, employees have to visually monitor things such as water levels and dissolved oxygen levels in the plant's tanks and then manually turn valves to adjust flow levels and keep the treatment processes in order.

"It's more challenging," Colbran said.

"These plants are pretty complex now. They're designed with automation in mind, not manual operation."

It also takes a lot longer, he added, since employees have to travel from one part of the 50-acre site to another to make observations, then make adjustments and then double-check.



Bonnybrook operations leader Robert Kotch stands above one of the facility's clarifiers, which staff must now monitor and adjust manually after June floodwaters damaged automation systems. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO IN CALGARY

Arrest warrants out for B.C. landlord

Vancouver landlord George Wolsey is officially a wanted man after refusing to pay thousands in damages to former tenants of his dilapidated buildings.

The B.C. provincial court ordered 10 warrants for Wolsey's arrest on Tuesday after he repeatedly failed to show up in court to address his \$18,163.75 debt to 10 former residents of the Wonder and Palace hotels, the Pivot Legal Society announced at a news conference Wednesday.

It's a paltry sum for a

man who sold the two cockroach- and bedbug-infested single-room-occupancy hotels in Vancouver's poorest neighbourhood for about \$4 million in 2012.

Court action happened after the city issued an injunction forcing him to repair the buildings, which didn't have

Quoted

"He's a tyrant, period."

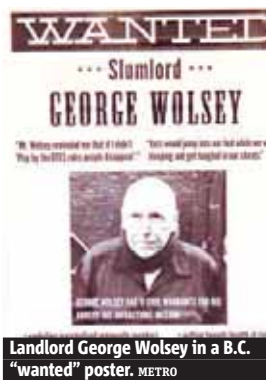
Stephen Freeman, who says he was evicted by George Wolsey

functional fire escapes.

"He's a heartless S.O.B.," former resident Stephen Freeman told reporters, adding Wolsey evicted him from his mouse-ridden room for buying methadone from a different pharmacist.

Wolsey, a Langley resident who had his pharmacist licence stripped in 2004 for forcing his tenants to fill their prescriptions through him, has seven days to turn himself in or Surrey sheriff services will begin searching for him.

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Landlord George Wolsey in a B.C. "wanted" poster. METRO

Tory tome. PM tackles Canada's great game

Stephen Harper can soon add another line to his resumé — published author.

The prime minister's book on the history of hockey is set to hit store shelves Nov. 5.

A Great Game: The Forgotten Leafs and the Rise of Professional Hockey looks at the early years of the game.

It will also feature photos of famous arenas and the game's earliest star players.

"Drawing on extensive archival records and illustra-

tions, histories of the sport and newspaper files, A Great Game delves into the fascinating early years of ice hockey," publisher Simon and Schuster Canada said Wednesday.

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THE CANADIAN PRESS

Are you over the age of 50 with type 2 diabetes?

People with type 2 diabetes are more likely to have an increased risk of kidney problems and heart disease (heart disease being the leading cause of complications in this population).

Researchers at the University of Alberta want to investigate the effectiveness, safety and tolerability of an investigational drug on people with type 2 diabetes who also have an increased risk of heart disease. The study will also assess the long-term effects that the investigational drug has on the heart, blood vessels, blood sugar levels, body weight and quality of life.

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U.S. Senate panel votes for use of force in Syria

10-7 in favour.

President's push for military strike after alleged chemical-weapons attack gains steam in Congress

President Barack Obama's request for speedy congressional backing of a military strike in Syria advanced in the Senate on Wednesday, hours after the president left open the possibility he would order retaliation for a deadly chemical weapons attack even if Congress withheld its approval.

A resolution backing the use of force against President Bashar Assad's government cleared the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on a 10-7 vote after it was stiffened at the last minute to

include a pledge of support for "decisive changes to the present military balance of power" in Syria's civil war. It would rule out U.S. combat operations on the ground.

The measure is expected to reach the Senate floor next week, although the timetable for a vote is uncertain.

The support seen in the Senate will be harder to find in the Republican-controlled House of Representatives, which is also reviewing

Obama's request, though its timetable is even less certain.

The Obama administration blames a chemical weapons attack that took place on Aug. 21 on Assad's government and says more than 1,400 civilians died, including at least 400 children. Other casualty estimates are lower, and the Syrian government denies responsibility, contending rebels fighting to topple Assad were to blame. The Senate panel's vote marked the first formal re-

sponse in Congress, four days after Obama unexpectedly put off an anticipated cruise missile strike against Syria and instead asked lawmakers to unite behind such a plan. Obama was in Sweden after a day of diplomacy when the vote occurred. White House press secretary Jay Carney praised the Senate committee for backing Obama's call for a strike, saying the measure would uphold U.S. national security interests.

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Against unilateralism

Putin might support UN call for strike

Russian President Vladimir Putin has warned the West

against taking one-sided action in Syria but said Russia "doesn't exclude" supporting a UN resolution on punitive military strikes if it is proved that Syria used poison gas on its own people.

In an interview Tuesday

with The Associated Press, Putin expressed hope that he and Obama would have serious discussions about Syria and other issues at the G-20 summit in St. Petersburg, Russia, this week.

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Syrian refugees gather at the Turkish Cilvegözü gate border on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Working on the details

Democrats, Republicans voice concerns

The Senate committee's vote capped a hectic few days in which lawmakers first narrowed the scope of Obama's request — limiting it to 90 days and banning combat operations on the ground — and then widened it.

Republican Sen. John McCain, a proponent of aggressive U.S. military action in Syria, joined forces with Democratic Sen. Chris Coons to add a provision calling for "decisive changes to the present military balance of power on the ground in Syria."

At their urging, the measure was also changed to state that the policy of the United States is "to change the momentum on the battlefield in Syria so as to create favourable conditions for a negotiated settlement that ends the conflict and leads to a democratic government in Syria."

McCain, who has long accused Obama of timidity

in Syria, argued that Assad will be willing to participate in diplomatic negotiations only if he believes he is going to lose the civil war he has been fighting for over two years.

But even supporters of military action urged Obama to do more to sell his plans to an American public that is highly skeptical after a decade of war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Republican Rep. Ed Royce said that while it would be important to deter the use of chemical weapons by Assad and others, there remained many unanswered questions, including what the U.S. would do if Assad retaliated.

"The administration's Syria policy doesn't build confidence," he said.

In a letter to her rank and file, Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi said she had received suggestions for legislation in the House "to add language to prevent boots on the ground, to tie the authorization more closely to the use of chemical weapons and to address concerns about an open-ended timetable."

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Privacy. Obama tries to assure Europe the NSA is 'not snooping' at random

President Barack Obama on Wednesday defended anew the United States' controversial surveillance programs, trying to reassure Europeans that the National Security Agency's spying apparatus acts in limited fashion to root out threats — even though recently revealed programs show a more widespread information-gathering effort.

"I can give assurances to the publics in Europe and around the world that we're not going around snooping at people's emails or listening to their phone calls," Obama said in response to a Swedish reporter's question during a news conference with Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt as he began a whirlwind, 24-hour trip to Sweden. "What we try to do is to target very specifically areas of concern."

Still, the president acknowledged that questions about privacy were likely to trail him in Europe — a continent that is protective of privacy rights — for some time.



U.S. President Barack Obama at a press conference at Rosenbad, the seat of the Swedish government in Stockholm. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The issue also bubbled up during his trip to Germany in June, shortly after newspapers published reports based on documents leaked by former government contractor Edward Snowden. Despite Obama's assertions of a more narrow-scope effort, the Snowden-leaked documents show the NSA collects and stores all kinds of data from the Internet, including emails, video chats and instant messages. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Prison chief gets the boot after reports of Islamist meetings

Egypt. Official denies aiding communication between jailed Muslim Brotherhood members



Egyptian Interior Minister Mohammed Ibrahim THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Egypt's interior minister removed the head of the country's prison authority Wednesday amid reports he facilitated meetings between detained Islamists, an official said.

The decision was part of a limited reshuffle in the ministry in charge of security, which also saw security and investigative chiefs removed in the southern governorate of Minya, where unrest is rife and mobs have attacked government buildings and churches.

A security official said Minister Mohammed Ibrahim removed Mostafa Baz after reports emerged he had over-

looked meetings in jail between Muslim Brotherhood leaders and other Islamists and allowed them to communicate outside the prisons.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief the media. Baz had been in the post since June 10.

Explaining his decision,

Ibrahim told Egypt's state news agency the reshuffle was necessary to restore state security.

A day earlier, Egypt's interim President Adly Mansour said security was his government's top priority.

Asked about Baz, Ibrahim said: "Prisons are one of the most important police sectors and require strong leadership. The removal was to ... appoint a more qualified leadership."

In an interview with a private TV station this week, Baz denied he facilitated meetings between the Brotherhood leadership. He said the media reports had referred to a communal prayer time involving several leaders of the group and other Islamists.

Baz said police officers outnumbered the Islamists at the prayers to make it clear they were being watched.

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Toll climbs ever higher in Iraq

Nabil Ahmed carries the body of his two-year old son Mohammed, who was killed by a car bomb, during a funeral in the Shiite holy city of Najaf, 160 kilometres south of Baghdad, Iraq, Wednesday. There has been a spike in deadly violence in recent months as insurgents try to capitalize on rising sectarian and ethnic tensions. The scale of the bloodshed has risen to levels not seen since 2008, a time when Iraq was pulling back from the brink of civil war. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oradour-sur-Glane

Presidents honour French victims of Nazi slaughter

With hugs and hand-holding in a solemn tribute to those killed, the presidents of Germany and France on Wednesday visited a ghost

town left behind after the largest massacre in Nazi-occupied France nearly seven decades ago.

The trip by German President Joachim Gauck, accompanied by France's Francois Hollande, to the southwestern French town of Oradour-sur-Glane was the first by a serving German leader. The town is

today a phantom village, with burned-out cars and abandoned buildings left as testimony to its history.

On June 10, 1944, an SS armoured division herded hundreds of civilians into barns and a church, blocked the doors, and set the town on fire. A total of 642 men, women and children died.

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Armstrong ordered to testify about doping



Lance Armstrong arrives with his wife Kristin to a party in New York to celebrate Armstrong being named Sports Illustrated's Sportsman of the Year in this file photo from Dec. 10, 2002. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lawsuit. Texas judge orders the cyclist to answer doping questions in fraud case

An Austin, Texas, judge is pushing Lance Armstrong closer to his first sworn testimony on details of his performance-enhancing drug

use, ordering the cyclist to answer questions about who knew what and when about his doping, including possibly his ex-wife and his attorneys.

Nebraska-based Acceptance Insurance Holding is seeking the information in its lawsuit to recover \$3 million in bonuses it paid Armstrong from 1999 to 2001. A judge previously refused to

dismiss the case.

Acceptance is trying to prove a years-long conspiracy and coverup by Armstrong to commit fraud. It wants to know when several of Armstrong's personal and business associates — including ex-wife Kristin Armstrong, team officials, the cyclist's lawyers and International Cycling Union president Pat McQuaid —

first learned of his doping.

Armstrong's attorneys objected to those demands in court documents, arguing the former cyclist already has acknowledged cheating and that Acceptance is engaged in a "harassing, malicious ... fishing expedition" intended to "make a spectacle of Armstrong's doping."

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Comparing it to slavery

Winnipeg man tackles grass-mowing bylaw

A Winnipeg man who says a city grass-cutting bylaw is a form of slavery is facing an uphill battle in court.

Richard Hykawy says he wants to set a legal precedent for every Canadian who is forced to cut grass or clear snow from city property adjacent to their home — a situation he calls worse than slavery.

"Back in the day, slaves were kept. They were clothed, maybe not well. They were fed, maybe not well. But they were provided equipment and given what they needed to (perform) the work," Hykawy said Wednesday outside a Winnipeg court.

"In the case of the city, we're not clothed, we're not fed," Hykawy is struggling to launch a challenge under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and has refused for the last few years to mow the grass on a strip of city property next to his suburban house. THE CANADIAN PRESS

California. Man illegally in the U.S. fights to become a lawyer

Sergio Garcia arrived in the U.S. illegally 20 years ago to pick almonds in the field with his father. Now, still living in the country illegally, he's fighting to become a lawyer in California and has the support of the state's attorney general and lawyers' association.

The U.S. Department of Justice, however, is trying to block his request.

The dispute is the latest high-profile immigration clash between state and federal laws as Congress and the Obama administration work on overhauling the system to address the estimated 11 million

people living in the country illegally.

The Mexican-born Garcia, 36, studied to become a paralegal and passed the California bar exam on the first try — a boast that Gov. Jerry Brown and nearly 50 per cent of all first-time test takers can't make.

On Wednesday, Garcia will ask the California Supreme Court to license him. But the DOJ argues in court filings that granting Garcia a law licence card would violate a federal law barring people in the U.S. illegally from receiving government benefits.

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Sergio Garcia poses for photographs in San Francisco this week. Garcia, who wants to be a lawyer, arrived in Northern California illegally 20 years ago. JEFF CHIU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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It don't matter if you're black or white. N-word is offensive regardless of who says it: Court

The lawyer for a black U.S. woman whose claim against a black boss's N-word rant brought a \$280,000 jury award says she hopes the case teaches society something.

"It's the most offensive word in the English language," attorney Marjorie M. Sharpe said Tuesday.

A jury sided with 38-year-old Brandi Johnson against the boss, Rob Carmona, in a case that explored a word that is a degrading slur when spoken by whites but at times is used affectionately among

blacks, even in the workplace.

Johnson said she hopes the word now "won't be tolerated no matter what your race is."

Carmona, a 61-year-old black man of Puerto Rican descent, had testified that he was dispensing tough love. "I come from a different time," he said in court Tuesday.

He had tried to defend his use of the word, saying it had "multiple contexts" in the black and Latino communities, sometimes indicating anger, sometimes love.

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The two Koreas

Can't we just forget about those nuclear threats and co-host?

South Korea has rejected Pyongyang's suggestion that a North Korean ski resort could be used for events at the 2018 Winter Olympics.

The organizing com-

mittee for the games in Pyeongchang says that North Korea's offer is unrealistic.

The committee's statement on Wednesday comes after a North Korean IOC official told the Voice of America broadcaster on Tuesday that it is possible to use the North Korean ski resort for Olympic events when it's completed.

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Just watch this become the must-have gift of the season



A model touches the screen of a Samsung Galaxy Gear smartwatch in Berlin, Wednesday. MICHAEL SOHN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wearable computing. Samsung unveils smartwatch in race to beat Apple for this year's most-coveted gadget

Samsung unveiled its highly anticipated digital wristwatch Wednesday, beating Apple to what could become this year's must-have holiday gift item.

So-called smartwatches, which can perform tasks such as displaying email and Twitter messages on a device worn around the wrist, have been around for several years but

Is it really such a big deal?

"Smartwatches haven't had the best track record."

Ramon Llamas, an analyst at research firm IDC, who is skeptical that so-called wearable computers will be a success.

have failed so far to inspire great interest among ordinary consumers. But with smartphone behemoths Samsung Electronics Co. and Apple Inc. joining the fray — and Google pushing its Google Glass gadget — experts see a chance of wearable computers breaking into the mainstream.

That is, if consumers can get used to talking to their watch, secret-agent style.

"With Gear you're able to make calls and receive calls, without ever taking your phone out of your pocket," Pranav Mistry, a member of Samsung's design team, told reporters at the launch in Berlin ahead of the annual IFA consumer electronics show there.

The Gear uses Google's Android operating system, just like many other devices made by Samsung. The South Korean electronics company said the Gear can act as an extension to a smartphone by discreetly alerting users to incoming messages and calls on its display screen. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Outsourcing porn is not safe sex, health group says

Condom law. AIDS Healthcare Foundation claims porn producers are trying to get around Measure B by having actors perform outside California

A California-based health organization that successfully pushed for a Los Angeles County law mandating condom use in the adult film industry has filed a complaint about a porn movie made in Florida after it says filmmakers started shifting production to other states to avoid the law.

The organization, AIDS Healthcare Foundation, for-



Voters approved the Los Angeles County condom law last November and it survived a legal challenge by porn producers when a judge last month upheld its constitutionality.

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mally requested an investigation in an Aug. 16 letter to Florida's Department of Health.

The complaint claims that a Florida production took health risks by making por-

nography without condoms.

AHF president Michael Weinstein said Wednesday that California-based porn producers are trying to get around the new L.A. county law, known as Measure B, by having actors perform outside the state.

The filming was done by North Miami Beach-based D&E Productions on a contract with San Diego Boy Productions, according to D&E co-owner David Adamson.

He said California porn makers are outsourcing work in which actors don't wear condoms to filmmakers in other states, like him. Florida, especially the areas around Miami and Fort Lauderdale, has long had a robust pornography industry.

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The Walking Dead

Zombies invade online classroom

The University of California, Irvine said Wednesday it will offer a free online course based on AMC network's hit zombie series The Walking Dead. The eight-week course begins on Oct. 14, the day after the AMC drama has its season premiere.

Topics include the hierarchy of needs in a crisis, the physiology of stress and population modelling to predict a species' survival.

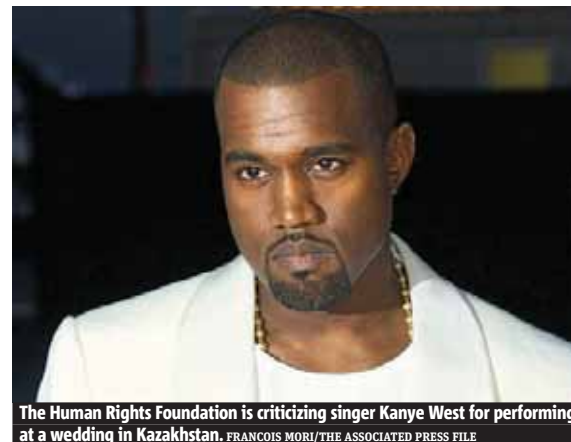
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Elton John foundation

Clinton picked for gay-rights honour

Hillary Clinton's support of gay rights has earned her a special honour from the Elton John AIDS Foundation. The former U.S. secretary of state will receive its first Founder's Award on Oct. 15 in New York City.

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The Human Rights Foundation is criticizing singer Kanye West for performing at a wedding in Kazakhstan. FRANCOIS MORI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Kanye West. Rapper under fire for performance at wedding in Kazakhstan

The Human Rights Foundation has criticized Kanye West for performing at a wedding in Kazakhstan, joining a chorus of detractors who say he legitimized the human-rights violations of the nation's president.

The rapper performed at the wedding of Nursultan Nazarbayev's grandson last Saturday. The human-rights group compared the ap-

pearance to a similar visit earlier this summer by Jennifer Lopez to Turkmenistan, which has its own history of human-rights violations.

HRF president Thor Halvorsen says in a statement that Kazakhstan is a "human-rights wasteland" where entertainers like West would be imprisoned for expressing their views.

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Montana District Judge G. Todd Baugh reads a statement last month apologizing for remarks he made about a 14-year-old girl raped by a teacher in Billings, Mont. MATTHEW BROWN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Judge still being judged

Montana. Original 30-day sentence for rapist may be illegal

A former teacher sent to prison for 30 days for raping a student is set to return to court in Billings, Mont., Friday because the sentence may have been illegal. But the move has failed to quiet criticisms of the judge overseeing the case.

District Judge G. Todd Baugh said Tuesday that state law appears to require a two-year

mandatory minimum prison term for Stacey Rambold, 54.

"In the Court's opinion, imposing a sentence which suspends more than the mandatory minimum would be an illegal sentence," Baugh wrote.

But that did little to sway Baugh's critics, including hundreds of protesters who rallied outside the Yellowstone County Courthouse last week to call for the judge's resignation.

Baugh said in response to the criticism that followed his remarks that Rambold's sentence was based on the defendant's violation of an earlier

Condemnation

The judge has faced widespread condemnation for the sentence and for saying Rambold's 14-year-old victim was "older than her chronological age" and asserting that she had some control over the relationship.

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deal he made with prosecutors, rather than the original crime.

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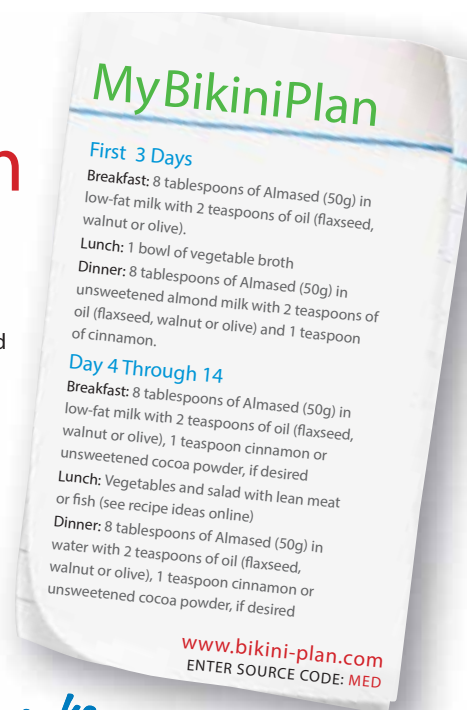
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Vigilantism? Bus drivers flee from female 'hunter'

Half of the bus drivers who work a route in Mexico on which two colleagues were shot to death last week, possibly by a woman seeking revenge for purported sexual abuse of female passengers, didn't show up for work Tuesday.

Only 10 of the 20 drivers on the 4A bus route in the border city of Ciudad Juárez took the wheel "because they are afraid," a dispatcher said. "There were a lot fewer passengers, too."

Authorities have released a police sketch of a female suspect and said they were looking into claims made over the weekend in an email from the

Claim of responsibility

"I am the instrument of vengeance for several women."

An email from 'Diana, the hunter of bus drivers,' sent to various media outlets.

"bus-driver hunter," who said she is seeking revenge on behalf of women she alleged had been abused by bus drivers.

The claims echoed deeply in Ciudad Juárez, which has a grim history of rape and murder against women on buses.

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Ex-Calgarian

Man gets retrial for wife's killing

A former Calgary man convicted of strangling his estranged wife in 2008 has won a new trial in North Carolina.

Media reports say an appeals court made the decision on Tuesday after hearing

arguments on whether Bradley Cooper's defence lawyers were thwarted from presenting their best case.

Cooper was convicted in 2011 of killing of his wife Nancy. Prosecutors said Cooper had killed his wife because she planned to divorce him and move to Canada with their two daughters.

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Russia's not homophobic — we love Tchaikovsky: Putin

Safety at Sochi. Russian president tries to assure international athletes despite harsh decrees

President Vladimir Putin sought to ease concerns that Russia's new anti-gay law would be used to punish athletes who display rainbow flags during the Winter Olympics in Sochi, while insisting that gays are not discriminated against in his country.

"I assure you that I work with these people; I sometimes award them with state prizes or decorations for their achievements in various fields," Putin said in an interview late Tuesday. "We have absolutely normal relations, and I don't see anything out of the ordinary here."

He added that Russians love Tchaikovsky even though the composer was said to have



President Vladimir Putin says he often awards high-achieving gays in Russia. ALEXANDER ZEMLIANICHENKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

been a homosexual.

"Truth be told, we don't love him because of that, but he was a great musician, and we all love his music," Putin said.

Putin offered to meet with members of the gay and lesbian community if they asked.

The law on "propaganda of nontraditional sexual relations," which Putin signed in July, makes it illegal to expose minors to information that portrays these relationships as normal or attractive.

Putin said in the interview

that they would not be punished. But he clearly has no intention of allowing a pride parade during the Olympics. Last month, he signed a decree banning all demonstrations and rallies throughout the Winter Games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Leon's staff fired after black statue is hanged

Halifax. Furniture chain has let go 2 employees, offered diversity training over August incident

A Leon's Furniture outlet in Dartmouth, N.S., is apologizing and has provided staff with sensitivity and diversity training after firing two employees over the hanging of a black statue.

The furniture store says it fired the two workers after it conducted an investigation into the incident last month.

Leon's says the bronze statue with black patina was taped and hung to an office window. The statue was altered so its eyes and mouth were whitened.

The company did not return messages seeking comment. The incident was revealed by a former Leon's employee, who has lodged a complaint with the provincial Human Rights Commission.

According to the CBC, Elsworth Bottomsley told the commission he quit after the statue lynching, which followed several other racially motivated incidents over the previous two years.

Another Leon's employee, who is also alleging racial discrimination by the furniture store, is seeking to introduce the statue lynching as evidence in her case.

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Lobbying for a spot on your social calendar

Bartender Derek Simoes mixes drinks in the newly-redesigned bar during "social hour" at a Sheraton hotel in Seattle. Long treated as dead spaces that hotel guests raced through on the way to the elevator, lobbies are being transformed into places to work, surf the web or meet friends for a drink. Large, traditional hotels are spending billions on renovations to try to mimic the style and financial success of luxury and boutique hotels, which have always drawn free-spending crowds to their lobbies. Walls are being torn down to make lobbies feel less confined, communal tables are popping up and wine lists are being upgraded. ELAINE THOMPSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Halifax

Rain washes out N.S. booze sales

Nova Scotia Liquor is reporting a drop in sales and profits for the first quarter of this fiscal year, a decline it attributes in part to an increase in precipitation. The Crown corporation says it earned \$57.1 million in profits during the first three months of fiscal 2013-14, about \$1.4 million less than the same period last year.

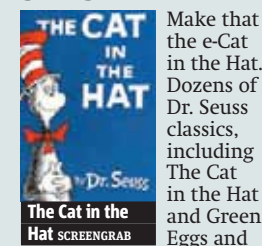
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Make that the e-Cat in the Hat. Dozens of Dr. Seuss classics, including The Cat in the Hat and Green Eggs and Ham, will be available this fall for the first time as e-books. Random House Children's Books announced Wednesday that the first 15 will come out Sept. 24, followed by additional publications in October and November.

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Forget Craigslist: Call-in classifieds are alive and well in rural America

A man wants to sell a truck, and a woman wants to buy some tomatos. In much of the world, they might turn to a computer to post ads online or flick through search results. But in some parts of rural America, they're just as likely to pick up the phone and call a local radio station.

Three times every weekday (and twice on Saturdays) people in western Arkansas call in to KARV's Dial-A-Trade, an audio adaptation of the classified

ads. For an hour or so, callers explain what they're looking to buy, sell or trade. Then they leave their phone numbers. On live air. For free.

Some people who live here see the program as a public service, but to outsiders, it seems more like a time capsule, a relic from an era before commerce began migrating to the Internet.

Radio want-ad programs are neither new nor unique to Arkansas. For decades, scores of similar shows across the coun-

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"We still have for sale quite a few of our laying hens.... We're the first driveway on the right."

Dolly Slnor, a caller to the Dial-A-Trade radio show in western Arkansas, who gave listeners directions to her home.

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Teachers, am I right?

In honour of the beginning of the school year, this was a test.

Did you respond to the mere mention of the profession with rage, fed up with union-protected whiners who don't realize how good they've got it, what with their summer break, free apples by the desk load and brightly coloured chalk?

Or did your eyes tear up at the very thought of these educational exemplars, the second most noble profession (just behind humour columnist), preparing The Leaders of Tomorrow despite the slings and spitballs of the Grocery Store Cashiers of Tomorrow?

Middle ground often seems like a no-man's land when it comes to the battle between pro- and anti-teacher camps.

People love labels. All of us do. It's so much easier than thinking. People can be racist. Some people are classist. Others are



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regionalist, deciding that 5.5 million people in the Greater Toronto Area are latte-quaffing liberals or that four million Albertans are cow-ro-mancing conservatives — all mayoral election results to the contrary.

And some people are, uh, professional. While teacher-bashing is more popular at the moment — teacher-praising seems reserved these days for teachers and their relatives — I've rarely heard an attempt at a balanced opinion. Educators are either heroes or heels, full stop.

Here's a hypothetical conversation:

"Must be nice to be done at three o'clock and get the whole summer off," says a teacher-hater.

"Teaching is the most important profession we have and in a just society, they'd be paid as much as doctors," says a teacher-lover.

"There are many excellent teachers who are making a real difference, yet there are some awful teachers who are protected

too readily by their peers," says a third person, joining in.

"Kaboom!" go the heads of the other two, like characters in a violent video game being played in the back of a classroom as we speak.

Here's the thing: I remember a theatre arts teacher who gave us a taste of Macbeth and A Raisin in the Sun in a way that made us crave more, and I remember a French teacher who showed us Weekend at Bernie's. In English. Without subtitles.

The teaching profession is a mixed bag, just like every other profession except for astronauts and air-traffic controllers (one hopes). I choose to give individual teachers the benefit of the doubt until given reason not to.

After all, these are people who deal with classes packed tighter than a New York sidewalk, and often face junior high students without a chair and whip. And how does one deal with issues like bullying and burgeoning sexuality when, as I recall, all it takes to create chaos in a classroom is one stray bumble-bee?

Last time I checked, teachers are people. Sorry to be so controversial.

ZOOM

Fish killed in polluted Chinese river



GETTY IMAGES

Factory blamed for ammonia leak

This was the scene on a 40-kilometre stretch of the Fuhe River in China after a chemical spill killed about 100,000 kilograms of fish, mainly chub, carp and snakehead. High levels of ammonia leaked into the river from a factory, and the owner has been ordered to stop operating.

The government claims the river is now cleared. **METRO**

Other animal tragedies

- 16,000 pigs were found floating in a Shanghai river this year.
- Also this year, 1,000 dead ducks were seen in the rivers of Sichuan province.
- Similar to now, more than 40,000 kilograms of fish were killed after the 2012 spill of toxic chemical cadmium in a Guangxi river.

Fishermen's losses

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The loss per day that local fishermen will suffer, which could have a devastating effect on the area's economy.

No comment from science company

The Hubei province environmental protection department, notified of the piles of dead fish on Monday, pointed the finger at local company Hubei Shuanghuan Science and Technology Stock Co. The company said it wasn't going to immediately comment.

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Darwin the Ikea monkey made his first public appearance Dec. 9, 2012.

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If you've ever tried to find an old tweet, you know that Twitter's search function is of lamentable quality — at best. Topsy, the social media analytic king, has now fixed that wee problem and indexed every tweet ever sent. Ever. That's about 425 billion pieces of content, according to The New York Times. So what can you do with this while companies figure how to get rich from it? Have fun playing a spirited game of first tweets.

Ikea monkey

Where did the first Ikea monkey tweet come from?

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row with e-readers?

@metropicks asked: Dr. Seuss books are coming out in e-editions. Do kids miss out on anything by using an e-reader?

@Canucklehead_ca: Good luck with that e-reader at a book signing! (See also: in direct sunlight.)

@BrianBlatnicki: how do you bor-

@canadiansteph: how can you tell which books are more loved than others? My son's most loved book is torn and bent, and loved:)

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This marathon is no monkey business (well gorilla, really)

Edmonton Gorilla Run. Organizer sees human eyes looking back at her when she stares into faces of these great apes



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When Raemonde Bezenar travelled to Uganda in 2007, she wasn't expecting it to change her life.

Like many tourists to the area, she was excited to see gorillas in their natural habitat.

"We travelled for hours through the jungle. It feels like you are in a giant salad bowl because all you can see is vegetation, and then finally, we reach them. Looking into the eyes of a gorilla, you are forever changed," Bezenar says with conviction.

It was a moment she will never forget and a moment that called her into action. The mountain gorillas in Uganda are critically endangered. Caught in the crosshairs of civil conflict and ever-expanding human development, it is estimated less than 800 gorillas are left.

These haunting facts are something Bezenar couldn't just sit back and accept.



Gorillas will take over Edmonton on Sept. 7 as runners dress up to raise funds for a worthy cause.
CONTRIBUTED BY EDMONTON GORILLA RUN

"When I looked into their eyes, I saw human eyes looking back at me. It's something I can't explain."

The experience enabled Bezenar to find her calling: saving

these majestic creatures.

When she returned home to Edmonton, Bezenar started putting together the city's first gorilla run to raise awareness and funds.

"Putting this kind of event together with no gorillas in Canada is interesting," she says with a laugh.

"In order to pull it off, I knew I needed to get like-minded

If you go...

- Mountain gorillas can live up to 50 years old.
- They are only found in three countries: Rwanda, Uganda, and the Congo.
- The UN estimates they may be extinct within 10 years.

ed people together who cared about the welfare of the animals and conversation."

Bezenar established the Canadian Friends of Mountain Gorilla Project, which uses proceeds from the marathon for conservation and education initiatives.

"What I have learned from planning this event is that you have to believe in what you are doing. People might come out for different reasons, whether it is to support the gorillas or veterinarian medicine in Africa, but the point is we are all coming together to make a difference."

Edmonton's five kilometre gorilla run takes place Saturday at Victoria Park and has courses for adults and runners under 12. Gorilla suits are available to registered runners. Participants and guests are welcome to dress up and take part in the activities outside the marathon. Edmontongorillarun.com.

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Keeping mum, finding sympathy for the devil

Lydia. Breaking Bad star Laura Fraser on making a “demented,” corporate drug trafficker sympathetic and the pain of staying tight-lipped

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Scottish actress Laura Fraser is eager for Breaking Bad fans to finally see the end of the series, which has its finale Sept. 29 — mostly because she’s getting tired of keeping her mouth shut about how the whole thing ends.

How much did you know about how things would play out as you were filming the final episodes?

I got to read all the episodes for this season, but while we were shooting them I had no idea. I got the scripts just a few days before, maybe sometimes a week before we shot them. I feel kind of smug right now because I know how it ends.

How much are you allowed to say about it, speaking as

obliquely as possible?

Well, it’s terrible. It’s very hard to do interviews about the show. It’s such a secret that you reveal anything under penalty of death. The person the most upset probably wouldn’t be the producer of Breaking Bad, it would be the person you told. So I’ve just been using, you know, metaphors and being very, very vague.

How was it coming into the show so late into its run?

It was very strange, and it still remains quite surreal for me because I came in only last spring. They all already knew each other so well; they were family, the cast and the crew. The series had been going five years at that point. It was kind of like being the new kid at school — and also like gate-crashing an amazing party that’s in full swing. You feel lucky to be there but you’re not sure that you fit in. But everybody made me feel really welcome.

You always play Lydia with the sense of constant clenched fear.

Yeah, she’s a demented character. I mean, I didn’t know how demented she was in the beginning. She seems to vibrate at a very high-pitched frequency. She’s constantly in fight-or-flight

mode, you know? I feel like she’s gone from being rather cold to completely glacial. She’s almost like a little Nazi in these last episodes. She keeps surprising me. She still comes from such a place of fear, but this greed she has is really trumping her fear, and she’s always got this keen sense of something horrendous might be about to happen. Or she might just

implode or crumble into a thousand pieces or something.

The show is so good at making the audience sympathize with people who do horrible things for a living.

Yeah, they’re good at that, aren’t they? Even with Lydia, you got sympathetic in her first episode, that she didn’t beg for her life when Mike

put the gun to her head — she had this more interesting response that tells you a lot about her character and that she would fight for her daughter.

But other than that I wouldn’t say that Lydia’s a very sympathetic character, really.

Well, I’ve always found her sympathetic.

Really? Interesting.

What do you have planned now that the show has come to an end?

I don’t know, I’m totally slacking. I’m over in Scotland right now visiting friends and family and hanging out. I have a couple of films coming out, but I’m not working right now. Yeah, I need to get a job, you’ve reminded me.

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Laura Fraser plays Lydia in Breaking Bad. GETTY IMAGE

Multi-faceted Duplass in League of his own

Q&A. Director, actor and self-confessed workaholic talks about the beauty of Pete and staying close to the cast

MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News in NYC

To some, Mark Duplass is a filmmaker specializing in small dramedies like *The Puffy Chair*, *Cyrus* and *Jeff, Who Lives at Home*. To others, he's an actor who plays soulful slacker types in *Humpday*, *Your Sister's Sister* and *Safety Not Guaranteed*. But to most, arguably, he's Pete, the horrifically dude-ish fantasy football addict on *The League*.

Though the FX show enters its fifth season, Duplass says his character hasn't changed much — which is good.

How do you feel Pete has evolved over the seasons?

Here's the greatest thing about Pete and this show: Pete does not grow up. Every man-child movie or anything you watch, over the course of 90 minutes they learn their lessons and become good people. Pete's kind of a terrible human being. He's super shallow. He's very into fantasy football because he doesn't have very much else going on in his life. He really doesn't change — which I kind of love.

Do you think he'll ever change?

I think Pete's got a shot at beginning self-awareness around 75. But I wouldn't bet on it.

Are there any stray similarities between you and Pete?

No, I'm so different from him. He has this confidence — even if he doesn't work hard, he knows he's going to be fine in the world. I'm deathly afraid of failure and am pretty neurotic and I'm a workaholic

because of that. If I don't create projects for myself, nothing will happen.

The cast is mainly comic actors, whereas you and your wife Katie Aselton come from movies.

The films that we've done are dramedies, so we have an appreciation for comedy. You just have to take ego out of it, and make sure you're not trying to be the funniest one in the scene all the time. You're just trying to make the funniest scene you can. And sometimes that's setting somebody else up.

How do you maintain the group rapport, especially with gaps in seasons?

We're all very close friends. Steve (Rannazzisi) just moved back to New York. But the rest of the cast, we all live within two miles of each other. We use Katie's pool as a place where we hang out a lot. We're buds; we just kind of lucked out on this one.



Mark Duplass lazing around on *The League*. HANDOUT

As an actor, what are the challenges of doing TV versus film and hanging onto the same character?

The League is a bit like summer camp. I get to show up and just be an actor and improvise and have fun. And then I walk away. We're not really arcing these characters

long-term. We're watching them in their stasis — we're watching their eternal state of man-childishness. The real challenge is trying to stay creatively relevant and stay creatively inspired. The thing that helps us the most with *The League* is it's an improvised show. We work

from outlines, so you can never get to that lazy space where you just memorize your lines and spit them out. You always have to be on your feet; you always have to be paying attention because you never know what's going to happen. It keeps you vital.



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Miley's motto: Don't think, just twerk

Miley Cyrus finally spoke out about her much-debated MTV Video Music Awards performance with Robin Thicke.

"I don't pay attention to the negative because I've seen this play out so many times," she tells MTV.com. "Madonna's done it. Britney's done it. Every VMA performance, that's what you're looking for. You're wanting

to make history."

That being said, even Cyrus is surprised by how much discussion her twerking has prompted.

"People are still talking about it. They're overthinking it," she says. "You're thinking about it more than I thought about it when I did it. Like, I didn't even think about it because that's just me!"

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Is my baby crying in spite of my wife's singing or because of it?



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Chilling thought: With all the billions of people on Earth, the odds are very high that right now, someone is watching "Fred Claus."

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Gwen Stefani, who never seems to age in spirit or looks, is proving her youthfulness yet again by getting pregnant at 43.

In Touch reports that the singer and husband Gavin Rossdale are expecting their third fabu-

lously dressed offspring sometime soon.

A "source" tells the mag the two "couldn't be happier." If true, baby number three joins brothers Kingston, 7, and Zuma, 4.

Last year, the singer told Marie Claire that she and Rossdale tried for a third but it didn't happen.

"I really, really, really wanted one about two years ago," Stefani said.

"And it didn't really work out. So... I feel good with what we've got. Everything works out how it should. You can't plan anything, right? You can try."



Simon Cowell

Those finger paintings are truly disappointing

Simon Cowell is going to be just fine as a father once girlfriend Laura Silverman gives birth, thank you very much.

"Once I got used to (becoming a father) I did get excited. I think I will be a good dad, so I'm excited," he tells the BBC. "I am good

with kids because I like kids. I really do like them and I listen to them."

But that doesn't mean Cowell plans to change any diapers.

"I'm not doing that, 100 per cent absolutely not going near that," he insists.



Calvin Klein

Sorry Beckham, we need someone less famous

To hear Calvin Klein tell it, he couldn't use David Beckham in a series of underwear ads in the U.K. recently because the soccer star was too famous.

"They said, 'You can have him for the rest of the world,

but you can't have the U.K. because he's too popular,'" Klein explains to Marc Jacobs in a chat for Interview magazine.

Klein ended up going with retired Swedish soccer star Freddie Ljungberg instead.

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In the tents or on the town

The prospect of sidling up to Lincoln Center in New York or a cocktail party in Soho wearing your most well-worn clothes may not seem like the best idea. But help is at hand, because as these styling tips we've collected from our street style galleries prove, you don't need an endless designer wardrobe to compete during fashion month.

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The Pick'n'Mix

A taxi driver once told Garance Dore that he could spot the girls working in fashion by the fact that nothing they wore matched. Pairing Breton stripes with graphic florals and a denim jacket might be unexpected in the civilian world, but in fashion the two go together like Karl Lagerfeld and Chanel. The irreverence that lies behind such a move is obvious. This tip is all about attitude, so whilst there's a fine line between experimental and, well, ugly, you'll exude confidence by daring to work it.



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The Sweatshirt Effect

Ever since sports-luxe became a fashion noun, sweatshirts have slowly worked their way into the most stylish of wardrobes. Build up a go-to look by teaming a grown-up version with basic skinny jeans and a high-impact accessory such as a statement necklace or a leopard print bag.



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The Fashion Pop

By Milan fashion week the impracticality of those huge Balmain shoulders or bandaged JW Anderson sleeves will be hitting home and cravings for a more comfortable look will start to kick in. This fashionista occupied the middle ground at Italy's fashion week with a fashion pop — that one special item that lifts an entire look. In this case it's her unusual jacket that adds a finished twist to an otherwise laid-back ensemble.



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The Kit

Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

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American Apparel employee

What she's wearing

Melissa shoes, Silence and Noise shorts, necklace from Urban Outfitters, L.A.M.B. bag and sunglasses from boutique in New York.

Her inspiration

"I dress based on how I feel. Today I wanted to be on vacation so I left my shirt open. I get inspiration from Anna Dello Russo, Stella McCartney and Marc Jacobs."

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One-minute miracle

Lash blast

The Falsies Big Eyes Mascara, \$12.
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"Beauty junkies obsess when hunting for the perfect mascara. Those who love super-long lashes without being over-the-top should check out Maybelline New York Volum' Express The Falsies Big Eyes Mascara. Its double-ended tube features a fat brush to create dramatic and buildable length on upper lashes, and a tinier brush to define smaller lower ones."



Deborah Fulsang, TheKit.ca

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There's a page for that in the new IKEA Catalogue.

Visit IKEA.ca/Catalogue to see it now.

Film festival decorating on a budget

As the Toronto International Film Festival ramps up for another run and my love for *The Great Gatsby* movie lingers on, I thought it would be nice to pay homage by adding some art deco glam into my home. From walking the red carpet to creating sparkle and shine, there are lots of on-trend home decor accessories to help you feel like the VIPs when coming home from a night at the movies.



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Placemat

Layer on the dining table for instant sparkle at your next dinner party or place one under a crystal lamp to dress up an end table. Urban Beaded Placemat, \$12.50, simons.ca.



Runner

Feel like a VIP when you walk through the front door with your very own red carpet. Bold Stripe Red Floor Runner, \$210, crateandbarrel.com.



Bathroom tray

Display your perfume bottles or soap in true '20s Hollywood style. Polished Nickel Accessory Tray, \$21, sears.ca.



Chandelier

Inject Hollywood glamour to a foyer or bedroom with the drama of sleek black. Concerto Six-Light Black Lucite Chandelier, \$179, homedepot.ca.



Beaded pillow

Add the sparkle of French gold to a neutral sofa or chair. Beaded Lombar Pillow Cover, \$59, zarahome.com.



Drink cart

Perfect for holding towels in the bath or bottles on the terrace. Chrome and glass looks great in any decor. Ernst Chrome Bar, \$199, cb2.com.



Mirrored chest

Place beside the bed, in a foyer or as a bar cabinet in the dining room; mirror always adds a lux-touch. Glamour Bed-side Mirrored Chest, \$699, bombay.ca.



Champagne glasses

At this price buy a case; it's cheaper than renting. Glass Champagne Flutes, \$2, dollarama.com.



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Upgrade your home, not your headache: avoid these five DIY renovation mistakes

DIY ideas. With proper planning and research, you can ensure your two week renovation doesn't turn into a two year headache

Always think long term when planning your renovation.

Cutting corners and costs on material and equipment may make sense now, but it will only lead to future costs for repairs and replacements.

use furniture and decor to add your personal style.

5. Overlooking permits
Permits are probably the easiest area to overlook. Many renovations

won't require permits, but if you're considering changing your home's structure, you'll need to do some research.

Without the proper permit, you can be issued a

stop work order and you may not be covered by insurance in case of an accident.

Showing potential buyers that your DIY renovations met safety standards

can really help raise the value of your home.

SEASON TWO OF RESCUE RENOVATION PREMIERES WITH BACK-TO-BACK EPISODES ON THURSDAY, SEPT. 19 AT 10 P.M. ET\PT

It's common for DIY renovations to begin with enthusiasm and a grand vision only to fall into disorder and frustration.

To learn more about common renovation mistakes and how to reverse the damage, tune in to Rescue Renovation on DIY Network Canada. For now, here are a few tips.

1. Too much to do with too little time

It's important to remember that the larger the project, the bigger the time commitment.

Be realistic with how much of your nights, weekends and vacation time you're willing to dedicate before beginning.

2. Not doing it right the first time

3. Measuring once, cutting twice

There's nothing more discouraging than installing kitchen cabinets or a bathroom vanity to discover that your measurements were an inch too long.

Measurements must be exact so if you doubt yourself, ask for help before placing your orders.

4. Designing trendy instead of designing smart

Trends come and go but your renovations will be with you for years.

While you may want those flashy purple cabinets and to replace your stairs with a slide, your home's value is likely to decline if you decide to sell.

Instead, focus on making each area of your home suited for a purpose and

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Not using a ruler can lead to DIY disaster. But there are also some less obvious mistakes people make. ISTOCK IMAGES

Bellissima! Pasta Primavera minus the pesky carbohydrates

The most delicious and satisfying meals are often the simplest. This flavourful favourite is bound to sweep you away. Make it your very own low-carb staple. Enjoy with a glass of biodynamic red wine, if you wish.

1. Noodles: Slice zucchini in thirds, then spiralize (by using a potato peeler) into thin noodles. Set in colander to drain. (Once zucchini noodles are mixed with sauce, they will release a lot of water, making them soggy. Drain spiralized noodles in a colander, sprinkled with a little salt, before adding sauce. Or pat zucchini between paper towels to pull out some of the excess moisture.)

2. Primavera Sauce: In a blender, blend tomatoes, red pepper, and garlic. Add remainder of sauce ingredients and blend until well mixed. Spoon over noodles and sprinkle with black pepper, basil,

and 2 to 3 tablespoons of Pine Nut Parma (optional).

3. Pine Nut Parma: In a food processor, chop nuts to a fine meal (or finely chop by hand).

Add salt, onion powder, and yeast and pulse until crumbly. Parma will keep in refrigerator for 1 month. **RECIPES PRINTED WITH PERMISSION FROM THE SIMPLYRAW KITCHEN BY NATASHA KYSSA**

Ingredients

Noodles

- 6 medium zucchinis, peeled

Primavera Sauce

- 4 medium Roma tomatoes, chopped
- 1 cup (250 ml) chopped red bell peppers
- 2 garlic cloves
- 1 cup (250 ml) sun-dried tomatoes, soaked for 30 minutes
- 2 tbsp pitted Kalamata olives
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- 2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 2 pitted Medjool dates or 1 tbsp maple syrup
- 2 tsp onion powder
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp Italian seasoning
- 3 tbsp minced fresh basil

leaves

- 1 tbsp minced fresh oregano leaves
- 1 tbsp gluten-free tamari
- 1/8 tsp freshly ground black pepper
- cayenne pepper, to taste
- freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh basil, for garnish

Pine Nut Parma

- 1/4 cup (60 ml) dry pine nuts
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) dry cashews
- 1/8 tsp Himalayan salt
- 1/2 tsp onion powder
- 2 tbsp nutritional yeast (optional)

Pasta Primavera



This recipe serves four. PRINTED WITH PERMISSION FROM THE SIMPLYRAW KITCHEN BY NATASHA KYSSA

Cookbook of the Week

Raw made easy



Promoting a balanced, flexible diet based on gluten-free and toxin-free plant foods can be easy and delicious. Natasha Kyssa sets out to prove this in her book *The SimplyRaw Kitchen*.

Through 134 recipes the book features a guide to the lifestyle that's easy to follow and accessible.

Among the delicious raw dishes in *The SimplyRaw Kitchen* are Spicy Thai Salad, Spinach and Mushroom Dip, Soft Taco Verde, Romanian Cabbage Rolls, Corn and Bean Skillet and more. **METRO**

Lemons and strawberries mingle in tasty 'cheezecake'



Flip the bottom of your removable springform pan upside down before filling with crust. PRINTED WITH PERMISSION FROM THE SIMPLYRAW KITCHEN BY NATASHA KYSSA

Impress your friends — whether or not they're raw foodists — with this rich and refreshing cheezecake.

It can be made in advance and frozen for a few weeks.

The jam is optional but provides a lovely garnish. With or without jam, this zesty cake is a winner!

1. Crust: In a food processor, process almonds with salt until it forms a fine flour. Add remainder of crust ingredients and process until mixture starts to stick together. Press into an 8-inch (20-cm) springform pan. Refrigerate while making the filling.

2. Filling: In a blender, process cashews with lemon juice, lemon zest, maple syrup, vanilla extract and salt until smooth. Add coconut oil and blend again. Pour over crust. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours before serving. It also freezes well.

3. Strawberry Jam: In a blender, blend all jam ingredients until smooth.

Store in a squeeze bottle and drizzle onto cheesecake or beside a slice of it on a plate.

Ingredients

Crust

- 1 1/2 cups dry almonds
- dash Himalayan salt
- 2 tbsp shredded coconut
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) packed, pitted Medjool dates
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

Filling

- 3 cups (750 ml) cashews, soaked for 30 minutes or more
- 1 cup (250 ml) lemon juice
- zest of 1 lemon
- 3/4 cup maple syrup
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- dash Himalayan salt
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) melted coconut oil

Strawberry Jam

- 2 cups (500 ml) fresh or frozen strawberries
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) pitted Medjool dates
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 tbsp psyllium powder

Lunch. Real Tomato Soup



Delicious, satisfying and nostalgic — after making this you will never buy tomato soup in a can again!

Tamari is a "cooked" food. A naturally fermented soy sauce that contains no preservatives or sugar, it adds a rich and salty flavour to dishes (you may choose to use a

reduced-sodium variety).

Most tamari contains wheat, so look for gluten-free.

1. In a blender, process tomatoes, bell peppers, hemp seeds, lime juice, miso, tamari, avocado and maple syrup. Season to taste and garnish with chives.

Ingredients

- 4 large tomatoes, chopped
- 2 red bell peppers, chopped
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) hemp seeds
- 2 tbsp lime juice
- 1 tbsp light miso
- 2 tbsp gluten-free tamari
- 1/2 avocado, chopped
- 1 tbsp maple syrup or a few drops stevia (optional)
- dash Himalayan salt, to taste
- dash freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 2 tbsp chopped chives, for garnish (optional)

Rematch

QB Bo Levi Mitchell to start vs. Esks

All signs point to Bo Levi Mitchell being Calgary's starter Friday against the Edmonton Eskimos, although the best term to describe the Stampeders' quarterback situation this season is fluid.

Head coach and general manager John Hufnagel indicated the order of selection on his quarterback depth chart is Mitchell, Drew Tate and Kevin Glenn. But he cautioned that could change prior to the Labour Day rematch in Edmonton.

"If we had to play today, Bo would be No. 1, Drew would be No. 2 and Kevin would be No. 3," Hufnagel said Wednesday.

Glenn started but Mitchell finished Monday's 37-34 win over Edmonton at McMahon Stadium. Calgary led 37-7 in the fourth quarter before Edmonton rallied to score 27 straight points and make a game of it.

Mitchell completed 11-of-18 passes for 225 yards and two touchdowns in relief of Glenn, who left in the second quarter with a bruised knee.

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Calgary QB Bo Levi Mitchell is expected to start versus the Eskimos. TODD KOROL/GETTY IMAGES

Eskimos play caller: 'Nothing's changed'

CFL. Team's offensive co-ordinator claims he's still in charge after being blasted by GM

The strange case of who calls the plays for the Edmonton Eskimos is quickly spiralling into an issue of who calls the shots.

One day after general manager Ed Hervey publicly guaranteed that offensive co-ordinator Doug Sams was done calling plays, Sams announced Wednesday he will still be the one sending the signals to quarterback Mike Reilly when Edmonton hosts the Calgary Stampeders on Friday.

"(It's) business as usual," Sams told reporters after the Eskimos completed practice under the sticky heat and hot sun at Commonwealth Stadium. "Nothing's changed, guys."

So Sams was asked why Hervey announced Tuesday a change was coming?

"I don't know," Sams said. "You'd have to ask him."

On Tuesday, Hervey, the former Eskimos wide receiver in his first year as GM, was adamant Sams was out as play caller.

"I can guarantee you that the current person who is making the calls (Sams) will have a limited role in calling them," Hervey said. "I've been very disappointed with some of the play-calling at critical times, especially on the offensive side."

"That has been addressed last night. It will be addressed following this press conference. I assure you we will see



Eskimos GM Ed Hervey publicly lit into his 1-8 team on Tuesday, vowing to make changes. DEAN BENNETT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

a different offence in how the game is called."

Hervey promised the game-plan will see more straight-ahead, smashmouth football.

"We will be very simple in how we do things," Hervey said. "We're not going to spend a lot of time trying to create different things."

But on Wednesday, Eskimos head coach Kavis Reed refused to say who would be making the calls Friday night.

"Being that it's a short week, we want to make certain we keep as much as close to the vest as possible," said Reed. "We're still sorting through Calgary." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Week 11 pick



Stampeders (7-2) at Eskimos (1-8), Friday, 7 p.m. (TSN).

Mike Reilly and the Edmonton Eskimos proved anything is possible on Labour Day.

With Edmonton trailing 37-7 in the fourth quarter, Reilly engineered a wild comeback, but it wasn't

enough as Calgary held on for the 37-34 win. The loss was the seventh straight for Edmonton, its fifth this season by three points or less.

Calgary has issues too. Starter Kevin Glenn suffered a leg injury Monday and gave way to backup Bo Levi Mitchell. It's unclear if Glenn will play in Friday.

GM Ed Hervey made a public rant this week to light a fire under the Esks, but it doesn't address his team's inability to keep opposing defences off Reilly.

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Kickoff sneak preview

Still smarting from their heartbreaking loss in the divisional round of the playoffs, the Denver Broncos will look to get even with the champion Baltimore Ravens when the season kicks off Thursday night. Here are five things to watch for.

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Road Ravens

Joe Flacco looms larger than life in Denver.

The NFL's marketing machine put up gigantic banners of Flacco alongside Peyton Manning on the Broncos' stadium to promote the league's first game of the 2013 season.

Denver fans have voiced their displeasure.

Elvis returns

Pro Bowl pass rusher Elvis Dumervil had 11 of the Broncos' league-leading 52 sacks in 2012.

Dumervil signed with the Ravens in free agency after his infamous fax foul-up in Denver led to his release by the Broncos.



Rahim's redemption

Safety Rahim Moore is out to make amends for the most memorable mistake in Denver's playoff loss, when he mistimed his jump on Flacco's heave to Jacoby Jones.

"If anything, he's used it as motivation," Broncos secondary coach Cory Udlin said.

Record returner

Trindon Holliday piled up an NFL-record 248 yards in returns against the Ravens in January.

Denver's diminutive returner became the first NFL player to take back both a punt and a kickoff for TDs in a playoff game.

Those touchdowns were the longest punt (90 yards) and kickoff (104 yards) returns for scores ever in the post-season.



Ravens rebuilt

For the first time in the Ravens' 18-year existence, Ray Lewis isn't manning middle linebacker. Daryl Smith, who signed a free-agent deal in June, is the veteran replacement.

The Ravens also said goodbye to the likes of Ed Reed, Bernard Pollard and Anquan Boldin.

U.S. Open

Nadal cruises into semis, playing 'better every day'

It's as though Rafael Nadal never left.

If anything, he's playing better than ever.

A year after skipping the U.S. Open because of a bad knee, Nadal powered his way back to the semifinals at Flushing Meadows, overwhelming 19th-seeded Tommy Robredo 6-0, 6-2, 6-2 on Wednesday night.

"I think I played my best match at the U.S. Open this year. Great to be able to play your best match in the quarter-finals," Nadal said. "Playing a little better every day is a great feeling."

The second-seeded Nadal improved to 20-0 on hard courts in 2013, part of an overall record of 58-3 with nine titles, including his record eighth championship at the French Open in June.

On Saturday, Nadal will face No. 8 Richard Gasquet, who edged No. 4 David Ferrer 6-3, 6-1, 4-6, 2-6, 6-3.

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Sagan retains yellow jersey after Stage 1

Peter Sagan continued to lead the Tour of Alberta on Wednesday, finishing first in Stage 1 of the inaugural cycling race.

The Cannondale rider from Slovakia, who is among the favourites to win the overall title, also won the prologue time trial on Tuesday and leads the overall classification by 23 seconds.

Sagan won Wednesday's sprint finish, posting a time of three hours 22 minutes 17 seconds and earning the 10-second winner's time bonus to retain the yellow jersey with an overall time of 3:30:35.

Rohan Dennis of Garmin Sharp is second overall, while teammate Ryder Hesjedal of Victoria moved up a spot to ninth, 40 seconds behind Sagan.

Hesjedal finished 19th on Wednesday with the same time as Sagan.

BMC Racing's Cadel Evans, the 2011 Tour de France champion and another rider considered to have a chance at the first-ever Tour of Alberta podium, is fourth, at 30 seconds back of Sagan.

Regina's Rob Britton is the top rider on the Canadian na-



Racers ride past rushes during Stage 1 of the Tour of Alberta cycling race in Strathcona County on Wednesday. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rolling round Alberta

The Tour of Alberta consists of five stages, finishing in Calgary on Sunday.

tional team, 1:10 off the pace.

Wednesday's 158-kilometre stage moved north along Edmonton's refinery row, then looped back south through rolling parkland to end in Camrose.

The race cycles through prairies, badlands and foothills before ending up in downtown Calgary on Friday for a total 900 kilometres of racing.

The Tour is the largest and most highly ranked bike race ever held in Canada. It involves six top-ranked teams from the European Pro Tour and eight teams from the Continental tour, as well as the Canadian national team.

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	W	L	Pct	GB
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Cleveland	74	65	.532	6½
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Minnesota	61	77	.442	19
Chicago	56	82	.406	24

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	80	59	.576	—
Texas	80	59	.576	—
Los Angeles	64	73	.467	15
Seattle	63	76	.453	17
Houston	46	93	.331	34

Wednesday's results

Houston 4 Minnesota 5
Oakland 11 Texas 4
Seattle 6 Kansas City 4
N.Y. Yankees 6 Chicago White Sox 5
Cleveland 6 Baltimore 4
Boston 20 Detroit 4
Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels

Tuesday's results

Minnesota 9 Houston 6 (12 inn.)
Texas 5 Oakland 1
Tampa Bay 7 L.A. Angels 1
Kansas City 4 Seattle 3
N.Y. Yankees 6 Chicago White Sox 4
Cleveland 4 Baltimore 3
Boston 2 Detroit 1

Thursday's games

All times Eastern

Seattle (Saunders 11-13) at Kansas City (Guthrie 13-10), 2:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Quintana 7-5) at Baltimore (Gonzalez 8-7), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Peavy 11-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Nova 8-4), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Price 8-6) at L.A. Angels (Williams 5-10), 10:05 p.m.
Houston (Peacock 3-5) at Oakland (Gray 2-2), 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	85	54	.612	—
Washington	71	68	.511	14
New York	63	75	.457	21½
Philadelphia	63	77	.450	22½
Miami	52	86	.377	32½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	81	58	.583	—
St. Louis	80	59	.576	1
Cincinnati	78	62	.557	3½
Milwaukee	60	79	.432	21
Chicago	59	80	.424	22

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	83	55	.601	—
Arizona	70	68	.507	13
Colorado	65	75	.464	19
San Diego	62	77	.446	21½
San Francisco	62	77	.446	21½

Wednesday's results

Arizona 4 Toronto 3 (10 inn.)
St. Louis 5 Cincinnati 4 (16 inn.)
Milwaukee 9 Pittsburgh 3
San Francisco 13 San Diego 5
Washington 9 Philadelphia 2
N.Y. Mets 5 Atlanta 2
Chicago Cubs 9 Miami 7
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado

Tuesday's results

Toronto 10 Arizona 4
Miami 6 Chicago Cubs 2
Cincinnati 1 St. Louis 0
Atlanta 3 N.Y. Mets 1
San Diego 3 San Francisco 2
Washington 9 Philadelphia 6
Pittsburgh 4 Milwaukee 3
L.A. Dodgers 7 Colorado 4

Thursday's games

All times Eastern

St. Louis (Lynn 13-9) at Cincinnati (Cin-grani 6-3), 7:10 p.m.
Arizona (Cahill 5-10) at San Francisco (Vogelsong 3-4), 10:15 p.m.

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pts
Toronto	9	5	4	0	253	229	10
Hamilton	9	4	5	0	229	248	8
Montreal	9	4	5	0	215	248	8
Winnipeg	9	1	8	0	192	295	2

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pts
Saskatchewan	9	8	1	0	312	202	16
Calgary	9	7	2	0	298	234	14
B.C.	9	6	3	0	236	229	12
Edmonton	9	1	8	0	222	272	2

Tuesday's result

Montreal 20 Toronto 9

WEEK 11

Friday's game

All times Eastern

Calgary at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

Saturday's game

B.C. at Hamilton, 4 p.m.

Sunday's games

Toronto at Montreal, 1 p.m.

Saskatchewan at Winnipeg, 4 p.m.

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	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Montreal	12	7	6	41	35	42
New York	12	9	6	40	35	42
Kansas City	12	9	6	38	27	42
Philadelphia	10	8	9	37	37	39
New England	10	9	7	35	25	37
Houston	10	9	7	30	31	37
Chicago	10	10	5	31	35	35
Columbus	9	13	5	31	35	32
Toronto	4	12	10	23	35	22
D.C.	3	18	5	16	43	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Salt Lake	14	8	6	52	35	48
Seattle	12	8	4	33	26	43
Los Angeles	13	9	4	43	32	43
Colorado	10	8	9	34	29	39
Portland	9	5	12	39	30	39
Vancouver	10	9	7	38	35	37
Dallas	9	7	10	36	38	37
San Jose	9	11	7	28	40	34
Chivas	5	15	7	26	48	22

Wednesday's results

Columbus 2 Houston 0

Seattle 1 Chivas 0

Saturday's games

All times Eastern

Columbus at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.

Vancouver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Chicago at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Colorado at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Toronto at Portland, 11 p.m.

Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

No one in their right mind would knowingly annoy you so likely the reason a colleague is being such a pain today is because they are stupid rather than hateful. Don't hit back.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You like a challenge and that's just as well as the challenges now coming your way will be bigger than anything you have faced before. You will enjoy showing the world what a dynamic Taurus you are.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You may come in for criticism today but no way will you take it lying down. The more others bark at you, the more you will bark back. You may not be the biggest beast on the block but you are the loudest.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Whatever you start over the next 24 hours you must see through to completion, so make sure it is what you really want to be doing. If you are still undecided then forget it.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Today's new moon will encourage you to believe that you can do more in your career and that you can turn your talents into hard cash. Remember: If a job is worth doing it is worth getting well paid for.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Today's new moon in your sign means you are capable of feats that ordinary mortals cannot compete with. But don't do things to impress. Do them to further your ambitions.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

People are not blocking your way deliberately, although it may seem like it. Look at your own state of mind. It will tell you more than what partners or co-workers are up to.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

What you gain will be more important than what you lose today, so don't try to hang on to what is clearly moving away from you. Life is an eternal revolving circle — enjoy the ride.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

If you start something new today, your name will soon be in lights. The new moon means you have the vision, and the confidence, to make a success of whatever you are planning.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

What happens over the next 24 hours will make it clear that a more positive cycle is starting. You don't have to do anything special but you do have to be ready to travel quickly.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

If you have financial issues to deal with, now is the ideal time to get serious about them. The new moon will inspire you to knuckle down and find solutions to problems that others have given up on.

Pisces

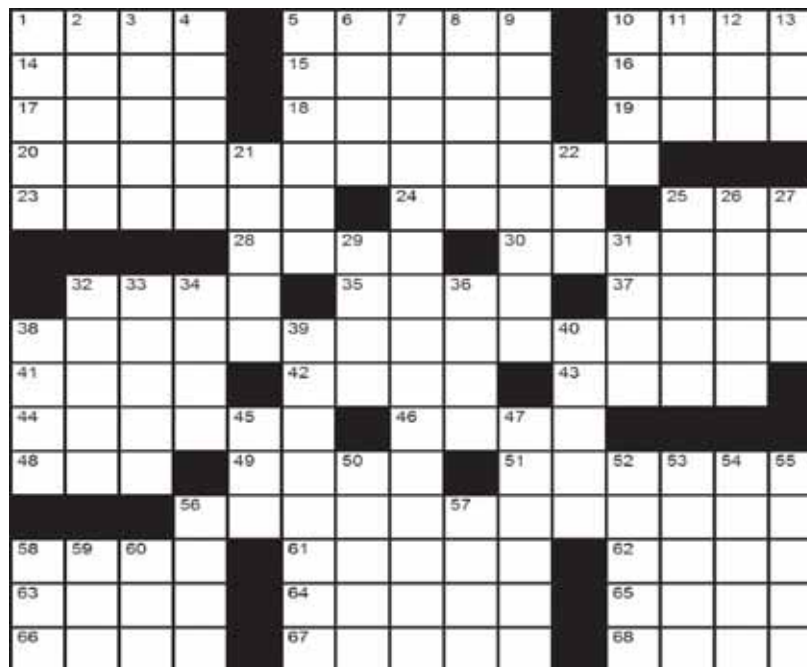
Feb. 20 - March 20

You cannot afford to be soft or sentimental. Cosmic activity in your opposite sign demands that you see things, relationships especially, as they are, not as you wish they might be. Be tough with others but more so with yourself. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

- Annoyed state
- Daniel __, Robinson Crusoe author
- Cape Canaveral org.
- Culture medium
- Ring-shaped coral island with a lagoon in the middle
- Amazes
- Trojan princess in Mozart's opera Idomeneo
- 'R' of US state RI
- Slowly advance
- tiff. = Toronto International ____
- Maintain, as an opinion
- Necklace bit
- Slalom
- Dubuque's locale
- Wobble
- Used a loom
- Singer style
- Annoy
- Sir Wilfrid Laurier is on them: 3 wds.
- Roll ____ (Have one's turn in board game playing)
- Plane crash investigation agcy.
- Depend on
- Movie legend Marilyn (b.1926 - d.1962)
- __ hat for the



- lady (Be gentlemanly)
- Meadow mom
- __ collar
- Media company acquired by Bell
- Canada Post business: 2 wds.
- "Whoopie!"
- Easily duped
- Perceived
- Canadian actor Mr. Cronyn, star of the flick at #57-Down

- Decorative pin holders
- Actress, __ Rachel Wood
- Russian city
- Convened again
- Prefix to 'phone'

- __ be different (Nonconformist's credo)
- Shakespearean suffixes
- Where to attend a CFL game: 2 wds.
- Musical blast from the past
- "Love in an __" by Aerosmith
- Painting holder
- Barley bristle

- "Hey! Hold on a __!"
- Volcanic eruption stuff
- Used a pan
- Fruit drink
- Motionless
- __ green
- Furies
- Mr. Disney
- __ Canal
- Franz Lehar operetta, The Merry __

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Weather

TODAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



MAX: 25°
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MAX: 20°
MIN: 15°



MAX: 25°
MIN: 14°



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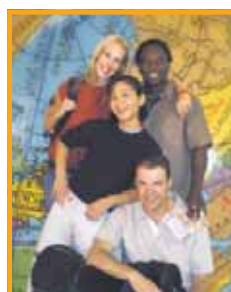


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